

Trinity Sunday

Two men with the same name lived next door to each other in Alaska. One was a preacher and the other was a salesman. The preacher died at about the same time the salesman took a business trip to Florida. When the salesman arrived, he sent a telegram to his wife to let her know he had arrived safely. By mistake, the message was delivered to the deceased minister's house. It read: "Arrived safely. Heat here awful."

Dear Friends,

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine Nature in one God.

St. Augustine said, "Trinity is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived." We have different religions in the world. Each Religion speaks about the divine God. Some religions speak of mono – God. Some religions speak about the polytheistic Gods. Almost all the religions speak of God, the Almighty. Hinduism, which is prevalent in India speaks of God in three major roles. The creator, the preserver, and the purifier. But they have three different Gods take different manifestations (Avatars). There are 4200 religions or belief system around the world.

There are few vague and hidden references in the Old Testament to the Trinity. But the New Testament has more teaching on the Trinity, like During the Annunciation, The Baptism is Jesus at the river of Jordan and at the Ascension Jesus gave the command to the Disciples to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

How do we live it in our life?

We all believe in the triune God. Lots of times our focus is Jesus, the Son. Catechism of the Catholic Church No# 233-267 Explains the various aspects of the Trinity.

Love is in relation between God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. They all bring a community aspect to living. It is a support to one another. The Trinity brings unity among us. We pray to God the father through his son and the Holy Spirit.

I read this story recently in a newsletter.

A priest was visiting with a family while their younger college student was home for the summer. As everyone sat outside around the campfire, the priest asked the boy about his life at college, his classes, and his new friends. The priest asked the student if he'd found a church to attend while he was away. No sir, the young man answered. " I don't feel the

need to go to church anymore. My faith is strong enough without it, and with my studies and activities I just can't find the time."

The priest said nothing but reached over, pulled a log from the fire, and left it on the side. He leaned back in his chair, folded his hands, and remained silent. After several moments, the student assumed the priest has dozed off. He stood to leave.

"Did you think I had fallen asleep?", asked the older gentleman. "I was just watching that log I had pulled out of the fire. Did you notice? When it was in the fire with the other logs, it burned brightly. But now that I've removed it, the fire has gone out. Son you are like that log. If you expect your faith to stay on fire, you need to be in fellowship with other believers."

The church is far from perfect. Even so, the church is the campfire God uses to keep us kindled. How bright is your fire burning?